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INS to be combined with WCU to reach area high schools

An Interscholastic Simulation Program involving some two dozen Western North Carolina high schools will be sponsored jointly by the University of North Carolina at Asheville and Western Carolina University.

Announcement of the program was made today by spokesmen for both universities and members of both the WCU and UNC-A political science departments launched advance planning.

High school simulation competition in WNC was initiated by UNC-A in 1971 with eight Buncombe County high schools taking part. To date, the program has involved schools in Madison, Haywood, Transylvania and McDowell as well as Buncombe.

Dr. Robert E. Stoltz, vice chancellor for academic affairs at Western Carolina, and Dr. Roy A. Riggs, vice chancellor for academic affairs at UNC-A, announced the cooperative venture.

"The joint UNC-A-WCU venture, which will take the International Simulation

Program to a much larger number of high schools in the western part of the state, is another indication of the determination of both institutions to cooperate in providing better educational opportunities for more people in our area," Dr. Riggs said. "It responds to a charge given us by the Board of Governors in its Five-Year Plan; it follows the already announced cooperative arrangement in nursing education; and we are quite pleased to be working with WCU in this educational undertaking."

"Western Carolina University welcomes this opportunity to extend the resources of the University to high school students in the region and to expand upon the educational opportunities being provided through our cooperative activities with The University of North Carolina at Asheville," Dr. Stoltz said. "The Simulation Program represents a new area of cooperation between WCU and UNC-A that lends an added dimension to our service to the people of the region."

Dr. Barham Farzanegan, associate pro-

fessor of political science at UNC-A, and Dr. Andrew H. Baggs, assistant professor of political science at WCU, will work together in directing the program.

Tentative plans call for WCU to be involved in running the program for Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Clay and Swain County high schools while UNC-A works with high schools in Buncombe, Madison, Henderson and Transylvania Counties.

Teams of political science majors from both universities will instruct the high school students in the intricacies of computer-based simulation to make decisions on a fictional world front. Such decisions range from the economic to the military as students receive a first-hand experience at the complexities of international relations.

Regional competitions will be held at WCU and UNC-A on April 23 and April 30. First and second place winners will be invited for the finals at UNC-A's new simulation laboratory in the Zageir Social Sciences Building May 7.

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Johnson Selected Editor

By FORREST REID

George Henry Johnson was selected *Images* editor for the 1976-77 academic year at the December 13 meeting of the UNC-A Publications Board.

Johnson is a senior literature major, and came to UNC-A in 1971. Since enrollment, he has participated on the Debate team and in the Chess Club, as well as serving as *Images* editor for the 1975-76 academic year.

Despite the late date of his selection as editor, Johnson intends to have *Images* ready for distribution one week prior to the end of spring semester. In order to meet this deadline, all contributions to *Images* must be in by the end of Term I.

Short fiction (up to 1,000 words), poetry, and art work are to be included in the publication, and are fervently requested. Johnson also urges anyone who is interested in the position of *Images* art editor to contact him immediately in the office which is shared by *Images* and the *Summit* on the 2nd floor of Lipinsky. Johnson states that filling this position will lead to an increase in art contributions.

Committee on Cultural Events Is Re-worked

The former Special Programs Committee has undergone some major changes during the last semester, and has emerged as the Campus Committee on Cultural and Special Events. The duties of the Committee are obtaining information from students, faculty, and staff concerning their interests in "cultural festivals, theatrical productions, arts and crafts exhibitions, music, speakers, and other programs which will enrich the lives of all members of the campus community."

The Committee is different from the Special Programs Committee mainly "in the direction," according to Assistant to the Dean of Students Zollie Stevenson. He states that because the direction was lost, the Special Programs Committee emphasized entertainment types of programs instead of educational types of programs such as lectures and concerts. Because there was no document outlining the duties, there was a wide range of interpretation (or "misinterpretation," says Stevenson) as the members changed from year to year. A consistent policy was needed, as well as a reworking of the purpose of the Special Programs Committee.

The Campus Committee on Cultural and Special Events will emphasize programs aimed at a wide variety of interests in the Asheville area. Six students, two faculty or administrators, the Vice Chancellor for Finance, and the Dean of Students or his designee will be members of the Committee. Students are encouraged to seek positions on the Committee, and should contact the Dean of Students' office or the Student Government office.

Publications Board Nixes Aiken Request For Payment

By KEN JOHNS

The Publications Board decided not to approve payment for artwork done for the 1975-76 *Summit* by former S.G. President Gary Aiken.

The resolution adopted at the Dec. 14 meeting of the Board in executive session stated that since "No proper legal document existed to prove remuneration was warranted...no supporting witnesses can attest to the existence of a verbal contract between Ms. Stephenson and Mr. Aiken... and the burden of proof historically falls on the part of the claimant, we stand resolved that Gary Aiken should not be paid for his art contributions."

S.G. Attorney General Tom Zumberge,

who presented the argument for remuneration to Aiken, states "I was disappointed because precedents were established that other people were paid for their work. Admittedly there was some form of agreement that Gary would do some artwork for the *Summit*, and I feel that based on the fact that there were precedents, and that Gary did artwork for the *Summit*, he should have been paid."

Ms. Jackie Stephenson, editor of the 1975-76 *Summit*, states that staff members were not to be paid for their work, although non-staff artists were paid.

Due to the late release of the resolution, the *Ridgerunner* has not yet contacted Aiken for his response to the resolution.

Mary Beth Penland is UNCA candidate for Truman Scholarship

By GARY STONE

Ms. Mary Beth Penland, a commuter student and resident of Asheville, has been unanimously selected by the Faculty Senate as the UNC-A candidate for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship.

Ms. Penland is the daughter of Mrs. Mabel M. Penland, also of Asheville. She is a 1975 graduate of Clyde A. Erwin High School and was salutatorian of her graduating class.

Ms. Penland is president of the Spanish Club at UNC-A, a member of the Political

Science Association, and serves as Commuter Senator in the Student Senate. She plans to complete a B.A. degree in Spanish and a B.S. degree in management.

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship is awarded to exceptional students who are in programs leading to careers in government. The scholarship will provide a maximum of \$5,000 a year for up to four years of college study.

Ms. Penland plans to go into a career of government service representing the U.S. government in various Spanish-speaking countries.

Reid joins staff as Managing Ed

Forrest Reid, a senior political science major from Winston-Salem, was selected as the new managing editor of the *Ridgerunner*. He replaces Randy Luquire, who resigned for academic reasons.

Reid worked for the *Ridgerunner* last year as a writer and reporter, and was copy editor for the *Summit* from March of 1975 to November of 1976. He is a member of the Veteran's Organization, and was listed in *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities* for 1976-77.

Reid attended Brevard College and Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte before transferring to UNC-A in 1974. He writes poetry and short stories and is interested in professional journalism. His work with the *Ridgerunner* last year included some excellent features, with the one on campus graffiti winning him some amount of fame at UNC-A.

The duties of the managing editor include finding the news, making assignments, editing the sports and entertainment sections, assisting with budgetary matters, and writing. Reid, in a profound gesture of modesty, states that as managing editor he will "endeavor to contribute the maximum effort to raise the journalistic standards of the publication; however, it must be remembered that I'm only in it for the money."

He further states that his ultimate ambition is to make a lot of money, in order to invest it to make more money, so that he can buy a large tract of land in the north woods of Canada and establish his own feudal kingdom.